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SUBJ: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS DELAY OF ARMS TRANSFER BILL
SUMMARY: ALL LOCAL KOREAN PRESS REPORTS REP ZABLOCKI'S REMARKS ON PROBABLY POSTPONEMENT UNTIL 1978, IN CONNECTION WITH PAK TONG-SON AFFAIR, OF HOURSE IR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF $800 MILLION ARMS TRANSFER BILL FOR ROK. HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ROKG COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION NOTED, BUT NOT QUOTED. ROKG FONOFF DENIES RELATION WITH PAK AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.
1. ON OCTOBER 28, ALL KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON COMMENTS TO REPORTERS MADE OCTOBER 27 BY CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, TO EFFECT THAT HIS COMMITTEE WOULD PROBABLY DELAY CONSIDERATION OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S BILL TO TURN OVER TO KOREA US MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS COMPENSATION FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL. REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT WAS GIVEN AS KOREA'S DELAY IN INVESTIGATION OF CONGRESSIONAL INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL (PAK TONG-SON AFFAIR). STORIES RELATE THAT ZABLOCKI SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS OPINION
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TO SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI AND CONGRESSIONAL LIASON OFFICER FRANK MOORE (PHONETIC) AND THEY HAD SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND. STORIES ALSO QUOTE ZABLOCKI AS SAYING TIMING OF BILL WAS BAD AND THAT, IF KOREA COOPERATES IN INVESTIGATION OF PAK TONG-SON CASE, BILL WILL PROBABLY PASS NEXT YEAR.
2. ALL PAPERS ALSO NOTE THAT HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON 10 27 PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT A RESOLUTION DRAFTED BY HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE ASKING FOR ROKG'S FULL COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION OF INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. NONE OF PAPERS QUOTES ANY OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION. TONGA ILBO'S YI UNG-HUI PREDICTS THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL COME BEFORE FULL HOUSE ON OCTOBER 31. (NOTE: WIRELESS FILE OCT 27 JUST RECEIVED REPORTS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY VOICE VOTE OF FULL HOUSE ON OCTOBER 27).
3. ONLY TONGA ILBO (MOST NEARLY INDEPENDENT VERNACULAR DAILY) GOES ON, IN LAST PARAGRAPH, TO QUOTE REP EDWARD DERWINSKI AS NOTING THAT TWO HUNDRED REPRESENTATIVES
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WILL VOTE AGAINST MILITARY AID TO KOREA, "ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INNONENCE."

4. ALMOST ALL PAPERS ALSO RAN SMALL COMPANION ARTICLE QUOTING COMMENT OF A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL: IT IS NOT TRUE THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS SPECIAL MILITARY AID BILL FOR KOREA HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF PAK TONG-SON CASE. RATHER, A) FACT US ADMINISTRATION SENT BILL TO CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 19 AND B) CONGESTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA BEFORE END OF SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 4 ALREADY MEANT DIFFICULTIES FOR BOTH HOUSES TO PASS THIS BILL IN CURRENT SESSION.

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